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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I was once a customer of ATT and in all fairness, they did a good job in provided needed services to me and my community for a while. However, I have noticed that the charges for my service was escalating without regard to my wants and needs, while simultaneously, my internet speed decreased. Once touted as the fastest speed internet service available, the DSL download rates had dropped while the average costs increased. If you wanted to get faster service, you would need to pay more for their premium package. As a monopoly ATT did not have to be responsive to their clients.

That ended when Sonic Internet and Phone Service was introduced to our community. It did not take much convincing on their part for me to sign up with them in March 2016. Sonic has provided fiber optic broadband service with high speed internet service and VOIP at a reasonable cost.

Competition drives this economy and the efforts of BIG service providers to beat down the competition should not be ignored in Washington. WE DON'T NEED LESS COMPETITION, WE NEED MORE! Any attempts to limit competition should be met with stiff rejections.

It's about time the BIG corporations, who feasted on Americans for a many years, to start looking introspectively and making strategic decisions to recapture lost clients by offering a wider array of better service at a competitive price.

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